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Annotations

Item 1. Election of the Bureau

1. Rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that each year at the commencement of its first meeting, the Council shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents from among the representatives of its members. The membership of the Council in 1995 is given in the annex below. According to the rotation of the office of President among the regional groups, the President for 1995 should be the representative of a member of the Asian States group. The four Vice-Presidents of the Council shall be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution from the other four regional groups.

2. The President and the Vice-Presidents shall constitute the Bureau. The Council, upon the recommendation of the President, shall decide on the special responsibilities of each Vice-President.

3. Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77, a meeting of the Council will be held on 18 January 1995 for the election of the Bureau.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

4. Rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, at the beginning of each session, after the selection of the Bureau when required under rule 18, the Council shall adopt the agenda for the session.

5. The attention of the Council is drawn to annex II of General Assembly resolution 48/162, in particular section D, which sets out the agenda for the substantive session of the Council. The present provisional agenda has been prepared in conformity with the indications therein and with other relevant legislative decisions.

6. In addition to adopting the agenda, the Council may wish to consider under this item (a) endorsing the decision of the General Assembly, contained in its resolution 49/128 entitled "Report of the International Conference on Population and Development", that the Population Commission should be renamed the Commission on Population and Development and that it should meet on an annual basis, and (b) adopting the draft decision submitted by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Document

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the draft decision submitted by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (E/1995/8)

Item 3. Basic programme of work of the Council

7. In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Council shall draw up, at its organizational session, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, its basic programme of work.

8. The Council will have before it the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 1995 and 1996 prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Council and of the General Assembly.

9. Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the President, prior to the organizational session, and with the cooperation of the other members of the Bureau, will arrange for consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General and make proposals thereon for consideration by the Council.

Documentation

Proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 1995 and 1996 (E/1995/1 and Add.1)

Proposals by the Bureau of the Council on the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 1995 and 1996

Item 4. Committee for Development Planning

10. The Council, in its decision 1993/334, decided to consider the question of the Committee for Development Planning at its resumed substantive session of 1993. By its decision 1993/338, the Council decided on the dates for the twenty-ninth session of the Committee for Development Planning (12-14 January 1994). In its decision 1994/225, the Council took note of the report of the Committee and decided to transmit the Committee's recommendations concerning the list of the least developed countries to the General Assembly for approval.

11. The Council may wish to consider the question of the Committee for Development Planning at its organizational session for 1995.

Item 5. Transformation of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes of the World Food Programme into an Executive Board

12. In paragraph 30 of annex I to its resolution 48/162, the General Assembly decided that the same arrangements as those relating to the governing bodies of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund should apply to the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes of the World Food Programme (WFP), and that consultations between the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) should be undertaken as soon as possible for this purpose, in view of the fact that WFP is an autonomous joint organ of both. This process should lead to the adoption of parallel resolutions by the General Assembly and the Conference of FAO.

13. At its thirty-seventh session, in May 1994, the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes took up the matter of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/162. The Committee agreed that the implementation of the resolution was binding on the Committee and recalled that paragraph 30 of annex I to the resolution recognized that WFP was an autonomous joint organ of both the United Nations and FAO. The Committee decided to establish an open-ended working group, open to all Committee members and to the European Community as an observer, to consider and make recommendations on the changes to the WFP general regulations and rules of procedure which may be necessary in order to implement Assembly resolution 48/162.

14. The Working Group met on four occasions and submitted its report to the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes at its thirty-eighth session, held in Rome from 12 to 16 December 1994. At that session, the Committee decided to recommend a draft resolution for consideration by the Economic and Social Council and the FAO Council.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the thirty-eighth session of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes

Item 6. Full participation by the European Community in the Commission on Sustainable Development

15. At its resumed substantive session of 1994, on 4 November, the Economic and Social Council decided to defer consideration of the draft decision entitled "Full participation by the European Community in the Commission on Sustainable Development" (E/1994/L.51) to a future meeting of the Council. It also decided to request the Secretariat to prepare a note that would respond to the various questions raised, including legal questions, as formulated by the President of the Council. In response to this request the Council will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the full participation by the European Community in the Commission on Sustainable Development.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the full participation by the European Community in the Commission on Sustainable Development (E/1995/7)

Item 7. Elections, nominations and confirmations

Postponed elections

16. The Council is called upon to hold elections and nominations, postponed from previous sessions, to the following bodies:

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

From African States: one member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1998.

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

From African States: one member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1997;

From Latin American and Caribbean States: two members for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1997, and one member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1996.

Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development

From African States: three members for a term beginning on the date of election.

Population Commission

From African States: one member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1997.

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

From Asian States: one member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1997.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

From Western European and other States: two members for a term beginning on the date of election.

Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes 1/

From list B: one member for a term beginning on the date of election;

From list C: one member for a term beginning on the date of election.

International Narcotics Control Board

One member to be elected from among candidates proposed by Governments to complete the unexpired portion of the term of Mr. Sahibzada Raoof Ali Khan (Pakistan), deceased.

Nominations postponed from previous sessions

World Food Council

17. The nomination of five members was postponed. The Council will therefore be called upon to nominate five members for election by the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, as follows:

From Eastern European States: one member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1997, and one member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1996;

From Western European and other States: two members for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1997, and one member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1996.

Confirmations

18. The Secretary-General will submit for confirmation by the Council the names of persons nominated to serve as representatives on the functional commissions of the Council since the close of the organizational session for 1994.

Notes

1/ See the lists of United Nations and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Member States for the elections for the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes of the World Food Programme (E/1994/L.6, annex II).

Annex

MEMBERS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL FOR 1995

	Term expires on 31 December
Australia	1997
Bahamas	1995
Belarus	1997
Bhutan	1995
Brazil	1997
Bulgaria	1996
Canada	1995
Chile	1996
China	1995
Colombia	1997
Congo	1997
Costa Rica	1996
Côte d'Ivoire	1997
Cuba	1995
Denmark	1995
Egypt	1996
France	1996
Gabon	1995
Germany	1996
Ghana	1996
Greece	1996
India	1997
Indonesia	1996
Ireland	1996
Jamaica	1997
Japan	1996
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	1995
Luxembourg	1997
Malaysia	1997
Mexico	1995
Netherlands	1997
Nigeria	1995
Norway	1995
Pakistan	1996
Paraguay	1996
Philippines	1997
Poland	1997
Portugal	1996
Republic of Korea	1995
Romania	1995
Russian Federation	1995
Senegal	1996
South Africa	1997
Sri Lanka	1995

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Sudan	1997
Thailand	1997
Uganda	1997
Ukraine	1995
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1995
United Republic of Tanzania	1996
United States of America	1997
Venezuela	1996
Zaire	1995
Zimbabwe	1996